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# Deployed Contracting Support



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### **Overview**

- Roles and Responsibilities
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     The Comptroller (FM) and The Customer (You)
- The Contracting Process
  - From Concept to Completion
  - Form 9's: FM (Room 107), then to CONS (Room 110)
- The AF Form 9 and Contracting Methods
- Typical Deployed Requirements
- Sole Source / Brand Name Justifications
- Unauthorized Commitments / Ratification Process

## Roles and Responsibilities

#1 Priority: Mission Support -- Quickly, Smartly, Legally

- A Contracting Specialist role in a deployed environment is to provide contingency contracting in supporting joint U.S and allied forces. We do this by procuring equipment, supplies, services, and construction in a timely manner.
- We serve as business advisors that is we advise you, the customer, on how to purchase your requirements with a "best value" determination; all the while by interpreting and enforcing Federal Laws and regulations.



## The Contracting Process

### Purchase Request Documents

- AF Form 9, Request for Purchase (Local Purchase)
  - Services or Supplies that are typically available to the public
  - Prepare documentation (Description/Statement of Work/Need)
  - Obtain approval ... forward to Comptroller for Funds Certification
  - National Stock Number items, submit through Logistics Readiness
- Deployed Comptroller Office (FM)
  - Approve request (Legal and Prudent requirement)
  - Certify Funds ... forward to CONS
- Deployed Contracting Office (CONS)
  - Establish Fair and Reasonable pricing
  - Award and distribute Contractual Documents ... copy to Customer
- Requestor (You, the Customer)
  - Receive and Inspect Items
  - Complete localized receiving report



## The AF Form 9 and Contracting Methods

#### THE AIR FORCE FORM 9

- Attached handout gives instructions and examples
- PR Description Policy Letter

### OBLIGATING FUNDS

- Stewards of Taxpayer Dollars
  - The CCO, FM, and Customer

### CONTRACTING METHODS

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## Typical Deployed Contractual Requirements

- CE / Construction
  - Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection Projects (Vehicle Search Areas)
  - Base Course, Electric, Plumbing, Heavy Equipment
  - AIRFIELD OPERATIONS, PRIORITY #1 (Designate on Form 9!)
- Services
  - Dining Facility and Potable Water
  - Billeting Arrangements
  - Sanitation and Laundry Services
- Commodities / Supplies
  - Quality of Life Items (Fitness Equipment, etc.)
  - Communication Equipment (Cell Phones, Radios, ADPE)
  - Transportation and Equipment Rental
  - Day-to-Day Operations



## Sole Source / Brand Name Justifications

#### SOLE SOURCE:

- A contract for the purchase of supplies or services that is entered into or proposed to be entered into after soliciting and negotiating with only one source.
- Must be accompanied by a sole source justification letter!

#### BRAND NAME:

- Exists when the requirement only allows for one manufacturers item to fill a customer's need.
- Must be accompanied by a brand name justification letter!
- REFER TO HANDOUT FOR JUSTIFICATIONS



## Unauthorized Commitments and Contracting Officer

**Authority** 

- An Unauthorized Commitment Occurs when:
  - Someone without proper authority (implied) obligates or de-obligates the government
- Implied versus Express (warranted) authority
  - Contracting's authority flows from Secretary of Air Force
  - Through the Assistant Secretary of AF (Acquisition)
  - To the commanders of the organizations; designated the Head of Contracting Activities (HCA)
  - HCA designates the CCO (HCA designee) in writing, via a "Warrant" upon completion of certified training courses



### The Ratification Process

- The Ratification Process (Corrective Actions):
  - Individual submits written statement with all pertinent facts
  - Commanders forward a statement of facts and disciplinary actions taken and steps to prevent this from occurring again
- CCO can only ratify if <u>all</u> requirements are met:
  - Funds were available (FM)
  - Government received benefit (Bonafide Need)
  - Contracting personnel would have procured (Legal/Prudent)
  - Fair and Reasonable pricing



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## **Questions?**

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